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The following is my recollection of remarks made by Mr. Bob Woodward, who spoke at the Jonathan Institute terrorism conference held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington, D.C. in 1984.

During the 26 June morning session on the media and terrorism, following his brief talk on journalist responsibilities, someone in the audience asked Bob Woodward what he would do if a terrorist called him and told him of an impending attack against an American target. Bob said he would print the story. Someone else came back and asked, "...But wouldn't you contact the authorities?" Bob replied, "I have no obligation to do that. My allegiance is to The Washington Post, and I would publish the story for my readers." A British journalist commented that if Mr. Woodward were in England and he learned of an impending IRA attack and failed to report it to the authorities, he would be prosecuted for a criminal offense. Bob again repeated that his only obligation was to get the story out to his readers..